

**Layer, Leroy F.**

Leroy (Lee) F. Layer, 65, of Longmont, Colo. passed away on Jan. 15, 2008 at Longmont United Hospital.

He was born, April 7, 1942 in Harbor Beach to the late George F. Layer and Irene Winkel Layer. He married Corby Sanders on Oct. 18, 1985 in Longmont, Colo.

Lee worked for IBM for 30 years as a senior lab specialist and programmer retiring in 1995. After his retirement he opened his own business, Creative Wood Products, until diabetes related issues made it impossible to continue.

Lee was a volunteer member of the Longmont Emergency unit for 26 years serving as a diver, on the board of directors and 18 years of which he served as chief. He was featured on the TV show "Rescue 911".

He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era where he trained and worked on computers. He had a top secret Crypto clearance and traveled to many areas of the world. Lee had a big soft spot for animals, loved the atmosphere of the west, and broke and trained horses in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife, Corby Layer of Longmont, Colo.; his mother, Irene Layer of Bad Axe; his children, Sean Layer of Phoenix, Ariz., Kaili and wife, Crystal Layer, of Glenrock, Wyo., Jill Beaman of Missoula, Mont., Ry Layer of Longmont, Colo.; one sister, Jean Ruppel and her companion, Jim Krohn, of Bad Axe; his grandchildren, Shane Beaman of Missoula, Mont., Cody Layer of Phoenix, Ariz., Warren and Frankie Layer of Glenrock, Wyo., and Bodhi Layer of Longmont, Colo. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, beloved friends and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his father, George F. Layer; and brother, George R. Layer. Memorial services were conducted on Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008 at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Longmont, Colo. Cremation entrusted to Carroll-Lewellen Funeral & Cremation services. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date in Bad Axe. An interment will take place in Arlington National Cemetery in late spring.

In lieu of flowers friends may contribute to the Lee Layer Memorial Fund c/o Carroll-Lewellen Funeral & Cremation Services 503 Terry Street, Longmont, CO 80501.